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To continue the momentum of the Mayor's API initiatives started four years ago, OAPIA will provide the Mayor with a list of action recommendations in September that will help the Mayor move the API initiatives forward. On 8/6, OAPIA began its series of meeting with agencies' directors to discuss agencies' related issues, challenges, and to gain directors' support and input on improving API initiatives. OAPIA will incorporate input of agencies' directors and API coordinators in the list of recommendations to the Mayor. As of 9/2, OAPIA has met with directors from 12 agencies: Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Mental Health (DMH), Office of Tax & Revenue (OTR), Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), DC Office of Personnel (DCOP), Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Department of Public Works (DPW), District Department of Transportation (DDOT), Alcoholic & Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), and Department of Employment Services (DOES).

The meetings have been positive and directors indicated that they are committed to do what is necessary to move API initiatives forward. Some of the issues discussed were: the importance of API initiatives, increasing team efforts to complete API initiatives within the agencies, identify budget sources for translation and outreach activities, improving partnerships with OAPIA and API communities, increasing awareness of API initiatives among employees, increasing support and cooperation from executive and management for API coordinators, increasing cultural sensitivity training efforts, and increasing proactive recruitment efforts to hire bilingual staff. All agencies expressed their support in diversifying the workforce with bilingual staff; however, agencies also ask the community to help with identifying, reaching, and encouraging qualified applicants to apply for agencies' vacancies.

Community Block Party

There's an old adage that "actions speak louder than words." Several members of the Korean American Business Association proved the truth in that on a recent hot and humid Saturday in August. With the early afternoon sun bearing down on them, they were busy at work getting ready for the annual Community Block Party they hold. They were greeting the community not only with kind words, but also with their sweat and hard labor.

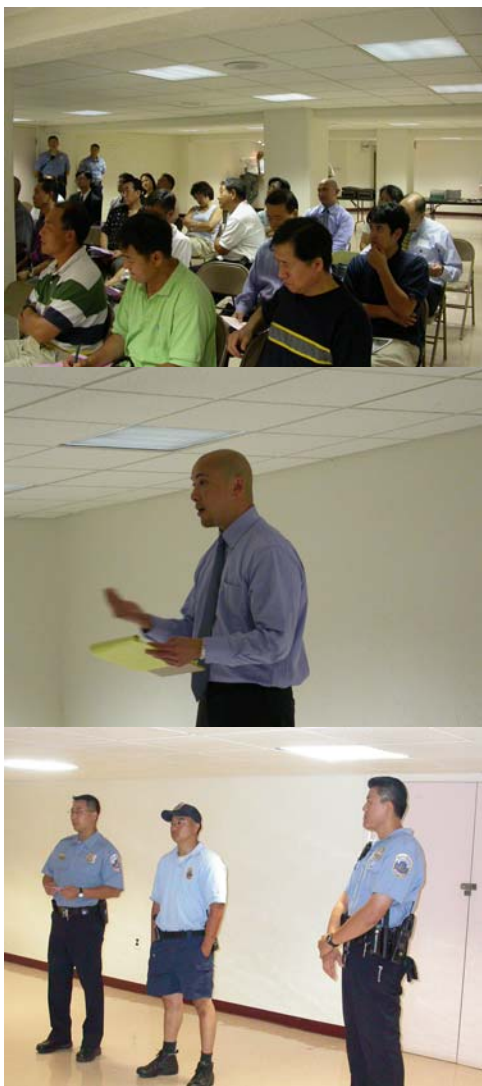
More than 500 community residents came out on August 16 to share sizzling barbeque ribs, chicken legs, and soft drinks with KABA. The event was a multicultural exchange, starting off with a Taekwondo demonstration for both the young and old in the crowd. The Children from Northeast Performing Arts Group performed modern dance, enticing several community residents to join in. The members of the groups were presented with Back to School gift cards from the KABA.

One D.C. resident out for the block party was none other than Mayor Anthony A. Williams. After greeting the crowd, Mayor Williams thanked KABA for putting the event together and for its involvement with the community.

Although the event was scheduled to end by 3:00 p.m., it continued until a heavy shower forced even the most determined party-goers to leave.

KABA's annual event was cosponsored this year along with OAPIA. Steve Kim, the newly elected president of KABA said that he will continue to have an annual community block party to foster better relations between Korean merchants and the local community.





One Ward at a time...

Ward 8 merchant workshop on August 28 was hosted by OAPIA and cosponsored by the Mayor's Office of Community Outreach and Asian Liaison Unit of Metropolitan Police Department. More than 25 area merchants came to meet representatives from MPD 7D, Asian Liaison Unit, DC Corporation Counsel, Office of Tax and Revenue, Small Business Administration, and the Alliance of Concerned Men, a local community based organization, and several members of the merchant community and hear their presentations. This is workshop provided merchants with limited English an opportunity to learn about African American culture, issues concerning juveniles, customer relations, safety and business related regulations.

Merchant workshops so far has shown interest in getting realistic answers to realistic questions, situations, and concerns that affect their business everyday. OAPIA continues to work with other city agencies to bring information, laws and regulation updates to the merchant community one Ward at a time.

Upcoming events:

Youth Workshop

Location: Bell Multicultural High School
3145 Hiatt Place, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Date: Monday, September 29, 2003.

Time: 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room

Subject: Gang Violence, HIV/AIDS, and Substance Abuse Prevention

Cosponsored by: OAPIA, Policing for Prevention Unit, Asian Liaison Unit, and Youth Violence Prevention of Metropolitan Police Department, Department of Health, and Bell Multicultural High School.

Save the date – Ward 1 Merchant Workshop

Location: Ward 1. Specific location will be announced at a later date.

Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2003.

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Subject: Safety, customer relations, etc.

Cosponsored by: OAPIA, Office of Latino Affairs, Mayor's Office of Community Outreach, Asian Liaison Unit and Latino Liaison Unit of Metropolitan Police Department.





Employment

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- Office of Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs is looking to fill up two positions: Administrative Assistant and Outreach Coordinator. Please contact (202) 727-3120 for further details.
- Income Maintenance Administration of the Department of Human Services is looking for a Multicultural Affairs Coordinator. For further information, please contact DC Office of Personnel at (202) 442-9600 concerning vacancy announcement number JA(29)03-219.

Services For All

Did you know?

- ✓ **Department of Mental Health Speakers Bureau** member can come to address your community group, professional association or other organization about how to handle crisis when terror strikes. Please call (202) 673-7440 for arrangements.
- ✓ **Department of Employment Services** has several programs such as *Passport-to-work*, *Youth Opportunity Program*, and *Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute* to help young people in the District of Columbia make a smooth transition into the workforce. Programs include summer opportunities, paid employability training, academic enrichment activities, leadership and self-development, etc. For more information, contact the Office of Youth Programs at (202) 698-3991 or by TDD (202) 698-6086.
- ✓ The *Problem Resolution Office* of the **Office of Tax and Revenue** is designed to assist taxpayers that have been unable to get their prior year(s) problems satisfactorily resolved within a reasonable amount of time. This office can provide assistance in resolving individual, real property, or business tax issues stemming from cases involving hardship, unusual delay or problems of a systemic nature. For more information, please contact (202) 442-6348.
- ✓ The District of Columbia Government is making it easier for District residents to protect their families. Project Safe-Child of the **District Department of Transportation** is a child safety seat program that allows residents to purchase infant, toddler, and booster seats at reduced rates. To purchase the safety seats and/or obtain educational materials on properly buckling children in, please visit one of DC's 14 seat distribution sites listed on: http://www.ddot.dc.gov/services/traffic_services/dist_sites.shtm
- ✓ **DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department** offers CPR and Automated External Defibrillator orientation classes every Tuesday at EMS training academy. Please call (202) 673-3245 or (202) 673-3247 to schedule an appointment.

Funding Opportunities

Special Announcement

New Federal Grant Application Requirement. *The Office of Management and Budget (OMB)* has directed all federal agencies to require all federal grant applicants to provide a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying for federal grants or cooperative agreements. The DUNS number, which will help to improve the statistical reporting of federal grants and cooperative agreements, will be required whether an applicant is submitting a paper or electronic application. DUNS numbers will be required as of October 1, 2003. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or by visiting <http://www.dnb.com/us/>.

Federal Opportunities

Girls Study Group. *The Department of Justice (DOJ)/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)* announces funds to assemble and convene a Girls Study Group to develop a sound theoretical and empirical foundation to guide future development, testing, and dissemination of strategies to effectively prevent and reduce girls' involvement in delinquency and violence and reduce the negative consequences of such involvement. Eligible applicants include public or private agencies or organizations. The deadline for applications is September 22, 2003. For further information, contact Barbara Allen-Hagan at (202) 307-1308 or barbara@ojp.usdoj.gov or visit: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/03-18760.txt>.

Foundation Opportunities

Children's Well-Being. *The With Arms Wide Open Foundation* seeks to ensure healthy, loving, nurturing bonds between children and their parents by funding existing service providers and identifying and addressing service gap areas. The Foundation's intent is to raise public awareness of the importance of healthy parent-child relationships. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations that focus on education, public policy and judicial action. The Foundation also supports organizations that provide assistance to poor and low-income families, and organizations that offer services to families in crisis. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2003. For further information, go to: <http://www.witharmswideopen.org/default.cfm>.

Social Welfare. *The Public Welfare Foundation* supports groups that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in meeting basic human needs. The foundation makes grants in the areas of community and economic development, criminal justice, disadvantaged elderly people and youths, environment, health, human rights, population, and technology assistance. Eligible applicants include nongovernmental groups. Online Letters of Inquiry (LOI) are accepted at any time. Grants range from \$25,000-\$50,000. For further information, contact PWF, 1200 U Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009; (202) 965-1800; fax (202) 265-8851; or general@publicwelfare.org; or go to: <http://www.publicwelfare.org>.

Young Women. *The Third Wave Foundation's* goal is to harness the energy of young women by sharing information and resources between young women, together creating a community in which members can take action around issues that affect us all. Grant opportunities include the Reproductive Health and Justice Fund, which provides training and emergency grants; and Organizing and Advocacy Grants. Eligible applicants include organizations that benefit and are led by women between the ages of 15-30, with an emphasis on low-income women, differently-abled women, women of color, and lesbian and bisexual women. The Foundation rarely supports organizations with budgets exceeding \$500,000. The deadline for applications is October 1, 2003. Grants range from \$100-\$5,000. For further information, go to:

<http://www.thirdwavefoundation.org/default.htm>.

Minority Ministry and Empowerment. *The Minority Group Self-Determination Fund, established by the United Methodist Church,* supports the empowerment of racial and ethnic minority people within and outside the church. Eligible applicants include minority groups that seek to develop programs of empowerment and ministry to their local communities or churches. Minority persons must comprise more than 50 percent of the membership of the decision-making committee for the project. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2003. For further information, including eligibility requirement, go to:

<http://www.gcerr.org/MGSDF/Policies.htm>.

Resources and Announcements

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). *The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The GIRC provides technical assistance that connects DC Government agencies, nonprofit and faith-based organizations to information about resources that improve community services in the city. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

*These funding opportunities are excerpted from **Funding Alert** -- a free service of the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development in the Executive Office of Mayor. To be added to the list, send your name and organization with an email or fax number to fundingalert@dc.gov. For archives visit http://opgd.dc.gov/services/grant/funding_alerts/index.htm